

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A sanitizable float valve to be used in water purification circulation, said valve comprising:
 - a body (1) defining a valve chamber,
 - a fluid inlet (6) disposed in said body (1) fluidly communicating with said chamber;
 - a fluid outlet (8) disposed in said body (1) fluidly communicating with said chamber; and
 - a closing element (2) placed into said valve chamber of said body (1), said closing element having a length essentially longer than a diameter of said closing element,

wherein said valve chamber of said body (1) and said closing element (2) are dimensioned to form an allowance therebetween and wherein a part of a fluid exiting said valve exits through said allowance ~~or~~ and a majority of said fluid exiting said valve exits through said fluid outlet (8) when said valve is open.
2. (presently presented) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said closing element (2) has a partly convex sealing surface (5) dimensioned to sealingly engage said fluid inlet (6) of said valve.
3. (previously presented) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein an end (7) of said closing element opposite to a front surface is rounded.

4. (previously presented) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said valve chamber is substantially cylindrical in form and said closing element (2) of said valve is substantially circular in cross section.

5. (previously presented) A float valve in accordance with claim 1, wherein said closing element is made of PTFE.

Claim 6 (canceled)